

# State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY  
GOVERNOR

## PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society reports that North Carolina ranks ninth highest in the United States in the number of deaths resulting from prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates more than 5,000 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in North Carolina, and an estimated 750 North Carolinians will die of the disease in 2008; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, while one in six men will get prostate cancer during his lifetime, if caught early, about 99.3% will survive; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with local community organizations, North Carolinians are encouraged to educate themselves on the risk factors and symptoms associated with this disease; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is found most often, about 25%, in men under the age of 65, during their prime years at work; and

WHEREAS, African American men are affected disproportionately by prostate cancer as their death rate is about 2.5 times greater than in Caucasian American men; and

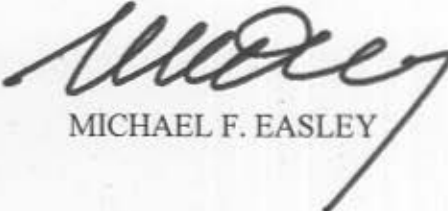
WHEREAS, family history of prostate cancer increases the likelihood of getting prostate cancer and there may be no symptoms of prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society believes early detection is a valuable asset in the fight against prostate cancer, and all men in North Carolina should discuss with their doctors the early testing options, such as PSA and DRE screening, available to them to detect prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society believes the appropriate age for men to begin screening is typically 50 years-old and 45 years-old for men at high risk;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September as "PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" in North Carolina and commend this observance to our citizens.



  
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in this first day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America two hundred and thirty-third.